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## INFO

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1. IN RESPONSE TO QUERY RE PRESS ATTACK ON HAJ AMIN AL YOUSSEFI, FORMER GRAND MUFTI OF PALESTINE, WHICH APPEARED IN CAIRO WEEKLY PAPER ROSE AL YOUSSEFI 17 AUGUS [ ] SAID NASIR ORDERED THE ATTACK. INSTRUCTIONS WERE CONVEYED THROUGH MINISTER OF WARFS KAMAL AL DIN RIFAAT.

2. NASIR JUSTIFIED ATTACK ON GROUND THE MUFTI WAS WORKING AGAINST WAR POLICY IN THE GAZA AREA BY ATTEMPTING TO ENLIST SUPPORT FOR SEPARATE PALESTINE GOVERNMENT IN EXILE FROM PALESTINIANS IN SYRIA AND LEBANON. FURTHERMORE NASIR SAID HE HAS ALWAYS CONSIDERED THE MUFTI A LIABILITY TO THE ARAB CAUSE BECAUSE OF HIS COLLABORATION WITH THE GERMANS DURING WW 2. MOREOVER HE CONSIDERS THE MUFTI AN INTRIGUER AND THEREFORE A MENACE TO HIS ADMINISTRATION OF GAZA.

### 3. ODACID BRIEFED.

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